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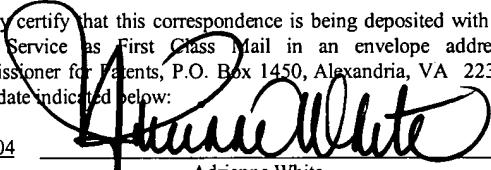
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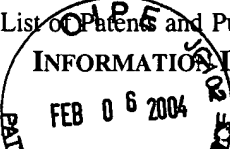
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| | C1 | Description of Prior Art FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 – U.S. Patent No. 5,947,321 (date prior to 1998) |
| | C2 | FIGs. 1A-1D Drawings of 47097-01251 (showing top view of a lid, top view of a base, side view of the lid detached from the base, and partial cross-section of the lid detached from the base respectively); Manufacturer: Unknown; (date prior to 1998) |
| | C3 | Description of FIGs. 1A-1D -- 47097-01251 (dated prior to 1998) |

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